

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 600

By Finney R.

A RESOLUTION to recognize Brendan Michael Wood on becoming an Eagle Scout.

WHEREAS, at a time when this nation's youth face difficult challenges, the Boy Scouts of America is one of our finest assets, providing young people with an educational program that contributes significantly to their character development, citizenship training, and improved mental and physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, the highest rank a Boy Scout can attain is that of Eagle Scout, and Brendan Michael Wood, after considerable effort and diligent preparation, has joined the prestigious Eagle Court of Honor; and

WHEREAS, the son of Jack and Tracey Wood and brother of Linden Wood, Brendan is a student at William Blount High School, where he has demonstrated considerable ability as a leader among his peers; and

WHEREAS, Brendan has further exhibited his qualities of merit and consequence by participating in the October 2007 National Youth Leadership Forum for National Defense, serving as the Corps Commander with the rank of Cadet Colonel in the William Blount High School Air Force Junior ROTC, and earning the 2007 Air Force Association Award from the William Blount High School Air Force Junior ROTC; and

WHEREAS, he displays considerable talent for academics and leadership in the community through his exemplary performance as an honor student at William Blount High School and by his laudable membership in both the National English Honor Society and the National Beta Club; and

WHEREAS, his notable record of achievement as a member of Boy Scout Troop 81 includes thirty-nine Merit Badges, each of the three Palm Awards, and distinguished service as Junior Assistant Scoutmaster; and

WHEREAS, Brendan further brought honor upon himself and his troop through his membership in the Order of the Arrow, attendance at the 2005 National Boy Scout Jamboree, noteworthy service as Honorary Assistant Troop Guide at the 2007 Woodbadge Training, and fulfillment of the prestigious office of Senior Patrol Leader, the highest rank bestowed upon any of Boy Scouts of America's youth staff; and

WHEREAS, Brendan's Eagle project greatly contributed to the betterment of his community and reflected the true spirit of Volunteerism; he dedicated his time and energy on behalf of the Blount County Community Food Connection (BCCFC), building additional shelving for food storage, modifying existing fixtures to make them more functional, and raising \$1,200 for donation to the BCCFC; and

WHEREAS, he evinces his devout religious faith as an active member of Victory Baptist Church, where he participates in the youth group; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should pause to recognize Brendan as one of the most outstanding young people in our state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Brendan Michael Wood on becoming an Eagle Scout, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final resolving clause omitted from such copy.